

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-36, 38-57 and 59-68 are pending. Claims 6, 15, 37, 58 and 66-67 are cancelled. Claims 69-70 are newly added.

On September 7, 2007, an interview was held between the undersigned, John Taylor, examiner Stoklosa, and primary examiner Evanisko. Based upon this interview, the Applicants amended claim 68 to explicitly state that the "internal hybrid electronics of the IMD are mechanically connected through a spring or a crimp to achieve an electrical connection between the feedthrough assembly and the IMD." None of the cited references includes this limitation. For at least this reason, withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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